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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B" and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 12 October 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half month period 1—15 September 1946 (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

Again this week there were no reported cases of typhus fever in the US Zone. After a steady increase during the past eleven weeks the incidence of diphtheria has decreased by 62 cases. For the second consecutive week there has been a decrease in reported cases of scarlet fever. The incidence of typhoid fever is the lowest since the first part of August. Land Bavaria reports that the outbreaks of typhoid in Landkreis Lichtenfels and Landkreis Wunsiedel have been studied and in Landkreis Wunsiedel the source of infection was traced to milk contaminated by a typhoid carrier. Large scale immunizations were carried out in both localities and the situation is now under control. For the second consecutive week gonorrhea has shown a decrease but syphilis has increased during the current week.

Hospitalization:

Due to the seriously inadequate hospital bed situation in Kreis Nuertingen, Land Wuerttemberg-Baden, the civilian hospital committee has recommended that the Teacher's Training School in that Kreis be requisitioned for hospital use. Approval of this recommendation by the Council of Ministers has been unofficially reported. Efforts are being made to expedite completion of the construction on a former prisoner of war hospital and a former hotel in Darmstadt which, it is expected, will make available approximately 600 additional hospital beds within the next 45 days. A campaign to encourage hospitalization of open cases of tuberculosis has been initiated in Greater Hesse by means of newspaper releases and broadcasts.

Sanitation:

In Land Bavaria a sanitary engineer from the office of the Theater Chief Surgeon is surveying military communities which have water problems. Fortythree gas chlorinators have been obtained from surplus Army stocks in Marseilles and will now be installed in Bavarian communities.

Animal Diseases:

There was no unusual incidence of animal diseases reported during this period. No new cases of glanders or foot and mouth disease have occurred and only three cases of dourine were reported.

APPENDIX "A"

**Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 12 October 1946**

+ No data submitted.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by | and) United States Zone of Germany

for Week Ending 12 October 1946

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "C"

**Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 12 October 1946**

- No data submitted. (Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum)

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 1-15 Sept. 1946

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

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